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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED GATT STANDARDS

IN FRG

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1. WE HAVE CONTACTED BOTH THE TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS SECTIONS OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY TO DISCUSS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT STANDARD CODE. BOTH SAID THAT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE DEUTSCHES INSTITUT FUER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORMUNG (DIN) AND THE LAENDER GOVERNMENTS IS GOOD AND THE ONLY PROBLEM ENVISAGED WOULD BE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, WHERE THE LAENDER HAVE COMPLETE COMPETENCE FOR BUILDING STANDARDS.

2. THE DIN AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MEET REGULARLY AND A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE SITS ON THE BOARD.

THEIR COOPERATION IS TERMED EXCELLENT. THE ECONMIN HAS ALSO BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LAENDER GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE.

- 3. IN THE FRG THESE CODES WILL HAVE TO BE ADOPTED AT THE LAENDER LEVEL. WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, BOTH SOURCES FORESEE NO PROBLEMS.
- 4. FYI. TRADE SECTION SOURCE, THOUGH NOT UP TO THE MINUTE ON THE SUBJECT, WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EC LANGUAGE HAD BEEN AMENDED TO THE EFFECT THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD OBTAIN COMPLIANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. STOESSEL

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